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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-93 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-93 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's comment

The last two actions were made in order to clarify claim language and the drawings associated with the claimed invention. The changes made to claim language has now been accepted and the application is ready for complete examination. However, restriction was necessary so that a single species can be claimed for examination.

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first and second gates, first and second doping regions, first doping region having a first discontinuity region.

Species 2: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first and second gates, first and second doping regions, second doping region having a first discontinuity region.

Species 3: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, first doping region having a first discontinuity region.

Species 4: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, second doping region having a first discontinuity region.

Species 5: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, and the isolation region protruding into the first doping region only near the first end of the first gate.

Species 6: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, and the isolation region protruding into the second doping region only near the first end of the first gate.

Species 7: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, and the isolation region has a first portion under the first end of the first gate protruding into both the first and second doping regions.

Species 8: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, and a third doping region under the first and the second regions near the first end of the first gate, having a doping concentration lower than that of the first and the second doping regions.

Species 10: An ESD protection device having an isolation region, first gate only, first and second doping regions, and the first gate protruding into the first doping region having a defined width in relation to other parts of structure.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim

is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fetsum Abraham whose telephone number is 703-305-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Flynn Nathan can be reached on 703-308-6601. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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